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1959 FALL-TERM ENROLLMENT REPORT

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Rep. Donald C Mayer

Each Fall the Board of Educational Finance requests of the Registrars of each of the Seven New Mexico State-supported institutions of higher education a count of their enrollments as of the end of the second week of the Fall-term. The Registrars have responded to this request in a very fine fashion and thus, the Board of Educational Finance is able to present another in a series of Fall-term Enrollment Reports, this one for 1959.

Table 302 of this report presents Fall-term enrollments over the past seven years in the New Mexico collegiate institutions. In this presentation enrollments are broken-out by Main Campus, Off-Campus, Branch College, numbers of Men, Women students and students attending college for the first time.

Enrollments for Resident Credit in each of these institutions as of the Fall of each year since 1951 are plotted in Figure 302a. Trends in Off-Campus and Branch College enrollments are shown in Figure 302b.

The accuracy with which each institution was able to anticipate its future enrollments in its Legislative Budget each Biennium is shown in Table 303 of this report. A comparison of estimated enrollments as projected in the Legislative Budgets and actual enrollments are shown graphically in the two parts of Figure 303a.

A second indication of accuracy of enrollment estimates is set forth in Table 304 in which comparisons between Operating Budget enrollment estimates and actual enrollment counts are examined for agreement. In this Table, as in Table 303, a percentage of error has been computed for each comparison, as has an overall average percent of error for the entire period, 1953 to 1959. Certain trends and findings are to be noted in these data.

STATE-WIDE ENROLLMENT TRENDS

College enrollments in New Mexico increased nearly 7.9 percent in the Fall of 1959 over the Fall of 1958, reaching a total of 15,867 students. Although Fall-term enrollments have doubled in the past seven years, the 1959 increase over the previous year is the lowest increase in the period since 1953. Yet this 1959 increase is substantially higher than for the nation, which increased only 4.4 percent in the Fall of 1959 over 1958.

Among the categories of enrollments, the highest percent of increase occurred in Off-campus enrollments. (Off-campus enrollments include in large measure programs offered at Military installations and Research installations; Extension, Correspondence and Branch College enrollments are excluded in these enrollments, except Highlands which includes Extension students.) The increase in Off-campus enrollments was 18.2 percent in 1959 over 1958. The second largest increase among the categories was in Branch College enrollments (9.4 percent). Main Campus enrollments saw the highest numerical increase but the lowest percent of increase (7.16) among the three categories of enrollments in the top section of Table 302.

The increase in Women students leads over the increase in Men students, 10.1 to 5.5 percent. First-time students attending college in New Mexico show an increase of 6.6 percent in 1959 over last year. This is, however, somewhat under the increase experienced in these students in 1958 over 1957, 16.4 percent, but slightly ahead of the national average for the Fall of 1959.

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Table 302. Students Enrolled at the End of the Second Week of Fall in the Seven New Mexico State Collegiate Educational Ins

	University of New Mexico			N.M. State University			N.M. Highlands Univ.		N.M. Western	Eastern N.M. University			NM Inst. of M & T	Military
TOTAL	Main Campus	Off-Campus	Br. College	Main Campus	Off-Campus	Br. College	Main Campus	Off-Campus	Main Campus	Main Campus	Off-Campus	Br. College	Main Campus	Main Campus
1953	4163	-		1671	15	72	551		487	757			175	258
1954	4692	154		1928		105	641		546	978			171	222
1955	5028	191		2080	46	142	724		645	1160			239	150
1956	5854	294		2181	124	292	769		670	1211			259	155
1957	6577	390	69	2293	221	344	768	80	756	1285			284	194
1958	6914	365	51	2515	328	563	884	124	705	1473		228	312	243
1959	7197	374	49	2862	258	571	937	175	723	1661	159	301	320	280
Change (%)														
1953-1959	+72.88	-	-	+71.27	+1620	+693	+70.05	-	+48.45	+1940	-	-	+82.85	+8.52
1958-1959	+4.09	+2.46	-3.93	+13.79	-2135	+1.42	+5.99	+1187	+ 2.55	+12.76	-	+32.01	+ 2.56	+15.22
MEN:	Residence Credit	Branch College		Residence Credit	Branch College		Residence Credit		Residence Credit	Residence Credit	Branch College		Residence Credit	Residence Credit
1953	2905	-		1318	44		329		256	455	-		148	258
1954	3336	-		1526	65		411		295	584	-		154	222
1955	3658	-		1680	98		458		366	794	-		221	150
1956	4291	-		1891	184		490		411	858	-		236	155
1957	4856	22		1842	182		540		467	932	-		259	194
1958	4998	*		2304	400		652		417	1003	143		268	243
1959	5154	*		2483	371		723		412	1115	194		272	280
Change (%)														
1953-59	+77.4	-		+88.4	+743.2		+119.8		+60.9	+145.0	-		+83.8	+ 8.5
1958-59	+ 3.1	-		+ 7.8	- 7.3		+ 10.9		- 1.2	+ 11.2	+35.7		+ 1.5	+15.2
WOMEN:														
1953	1258	-		353	28		222		231	302	-		27	-
1954	1356	-		402	40		230		251	394	-		17	-
1955	1370	-		404	44		260		279	452	-		18	-
1956	1563	-		414	108		279		259	450	-		20	-
1957	1721	49		451	162		308		289	488	-		25	-
1958	1916	*		539	163		356		288	595	85		44	-
1959	2043	*		616	204		389		311	672	107		48	-
Change (%)														
1953-59	+62.4	-		+74.5	+628.6		+75.2		+34.6	+122.5	-		+77.8	-
1958-59	+ 6.6	-		+14.2	+ 25.2		+ 9.3		+ 8.0	+ 12.9	+23.0		+ 9.1	-
FIRST TIME ATTENDING ANY COLLEGE:														
1953	776	-		489	43		194		95	305	-		53	116
1954	956	-		520	54		228		118	368	-		53	94
1955	935	-		643	61		217		183	470	-		79	77
1956	1088	-		624	151		229		207	410	-		84	104
1957	1105	1		546	153		290		181	438	-		85	128
1958	1245	*		688	183		261		172	506	97		110	145
1959	1290	*		743	253		214		227	497	110		91	206
Change (%)														
1953-1959	+66.2	-		+51.9	+488.3		+10.3		+138.9	+63.0	-		+71.7	+77.6
1958-1959	+ 3.6	-		+ 8.0	+ 38.2		-18.0		+ 32.0	- 1.8	+13.4		-17.3	+42.1

*Included in residence figures.
These enrollment counts are the total of different students enrolled as of the census dage, time and part-time combined. Extension and Correspondence students are excluded from these except in Highlands University where extension is counted as Resident Credit.

	University of New Mexico			N.M. State University			N.M. Highlands Univ.		N.M. Western	Eastern N.M. University			NM Inst. of M & T	Military	Totals
L	Main Campus	Off-Campus	Br. College	Main Campus	Off-Campus	Br. College	Main Campus	Off-Campus	Main Campus	Main Campus	Off-Campus	Br. College	Main Campus	Main Campus	Combined
	4163	-		1671	15	72	551		487	757			175	258	8149
	4692	154		1928		105	641		546	978			171	222	9137
	5028	191		2080	46	142	724		645	1160			239	150	10405
	5854	294		2181	124	292	769		670	1211			259	155	11809
	6577	390	69	2293	221	344	768	80	756	1285			284	194	13261
	6914	365	51	2515	328	563	884	124	705	1473		228	312	243	14708
	7197	374	49	2862	258	571	937	175	723	1661	159	301	320	280	15867
e (%)															
959	+72.88	-	-	+71.27	+1620	+693	+70.05	-	+48.45	+11940	-	-	+82.85	+8.52	+94.70
959	+4.09	+2.46	-3.93	+13.79	-2135	+1.42	+5.99	+1187	+ 2.55	+12.76	-	+32.01	+ 2.56	+15.22	+ 7.88
:	Residence Credit	Branch College		Residence Credit	Branch College		Residence Credit		Residence Credit	Residence Credit	Branch College		Residence Credit	Residence Credit	Combined
3	2905	-		1318	44		329		256	455	-		148	258	5,713
4	3336	-		1526	65		411		295	584	-		154	222	6,593
5	3658	-		1680	98		458		366	794	-		221	150	7,425
6	4291	-		1891	184		490		411	858	-		236	155	8,516
7	4856	22		1842	182		540		467	932	-		259	194	9,294
8	4998	*		2304	400		652		417	1003	143		268	243	10,428
9	5154	*		2483	371		723		412	1115	194		272	280	11,004
e (%)															
59	+77.4	-		+88.4	+743.2		+119.8		+60.9	+145.0	-		+83.8	+ 8.5	+92.6
59	+ 3.1	-		+ 7.8	- 7.3		+ 10.9		- 1.2	+ 11.2	+35.7		+ 1.5	+15.2	+ 5.5
EN:															
3	1258	-		353	28		222		231	302	-		27	-	2,421
4	1356	-		402	40		230		251	394	-		17	-	2,690
5	1370	-		404	44		260		279	452	-		18	-	2,833
6	1563	.		414	108		279		259	450	-		20	-	3,093
7	1721	49		451	162		308		289	488	-		25	-	3,493
8	1916	*		539	163		356		288	595	85		44	-	3,986
9	2043	*		616	204		389		311	672	107		48	-	4,390
e (%)															
59	+62.4	-		+74.5	+628.6		+75.2		+34.6	+122.5	-		+77.8	-	+81.3
59	+ 6.6	-		+14.2	+ 25.2		+ 9.3		+ 8.0	+ 12.9	+23.0		+ 9.1	-	+10.1
ST TIME ATTENDING ANY COLLEGE:															
	776	-		489	43		194		95	305	-		53	116	2,071
3	956	-		520	54		228		118	368	-		53	94	2,391
4	935	-		643	61		217		183	470	-		79	77	2,665
5	1088	-		624	151		229		207	410	-		84	104	2,895
6	1105	1		546	153		290		181	438	-		85	128	2,927
7	1245	*		688	183		261		172	506	97		110	145	3,407
8	1290	*		743	253		214		227	497	110		91	206	3,631
ge (%)															
-1959	+66.2	-		+51.9	+488.3		+10.3		+138.9	+63.0	-		+71.7	+77.6	+75.3
-1959	+ 3.6	-		+ 6.0	+ 38.2		-18.0		+ 32.0	- 1.8	+13.4		-17.3	+42.1	+ 6.6

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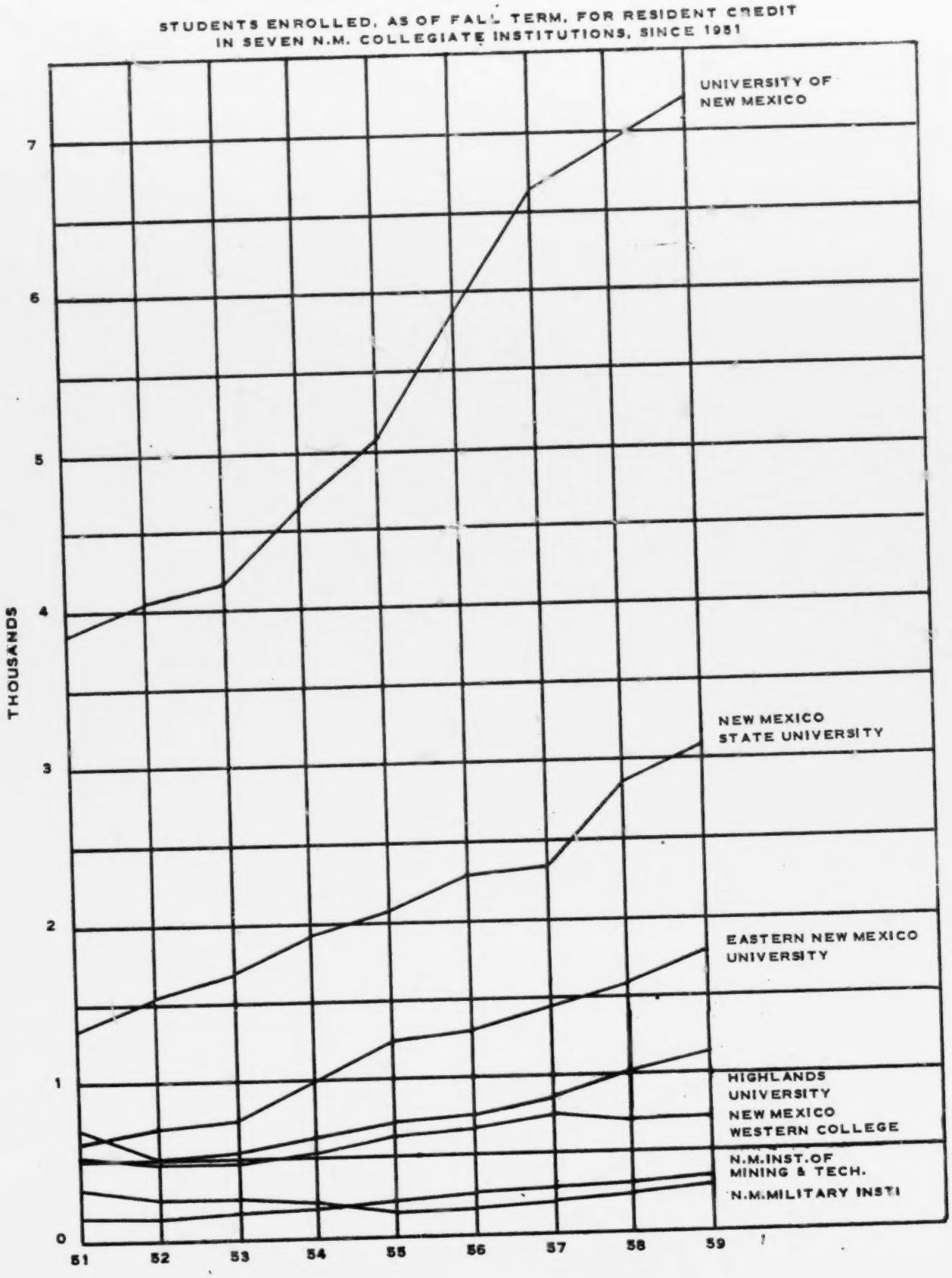
Fig. 302A


STUDENTS ENROLLED, AS OF FALL TERM, FOR RESIDENT CREDIT
IN SEVEN N.M. COLLEGIATE INSTITUTIONS, SINCE 1951
THOUSANDS
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UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
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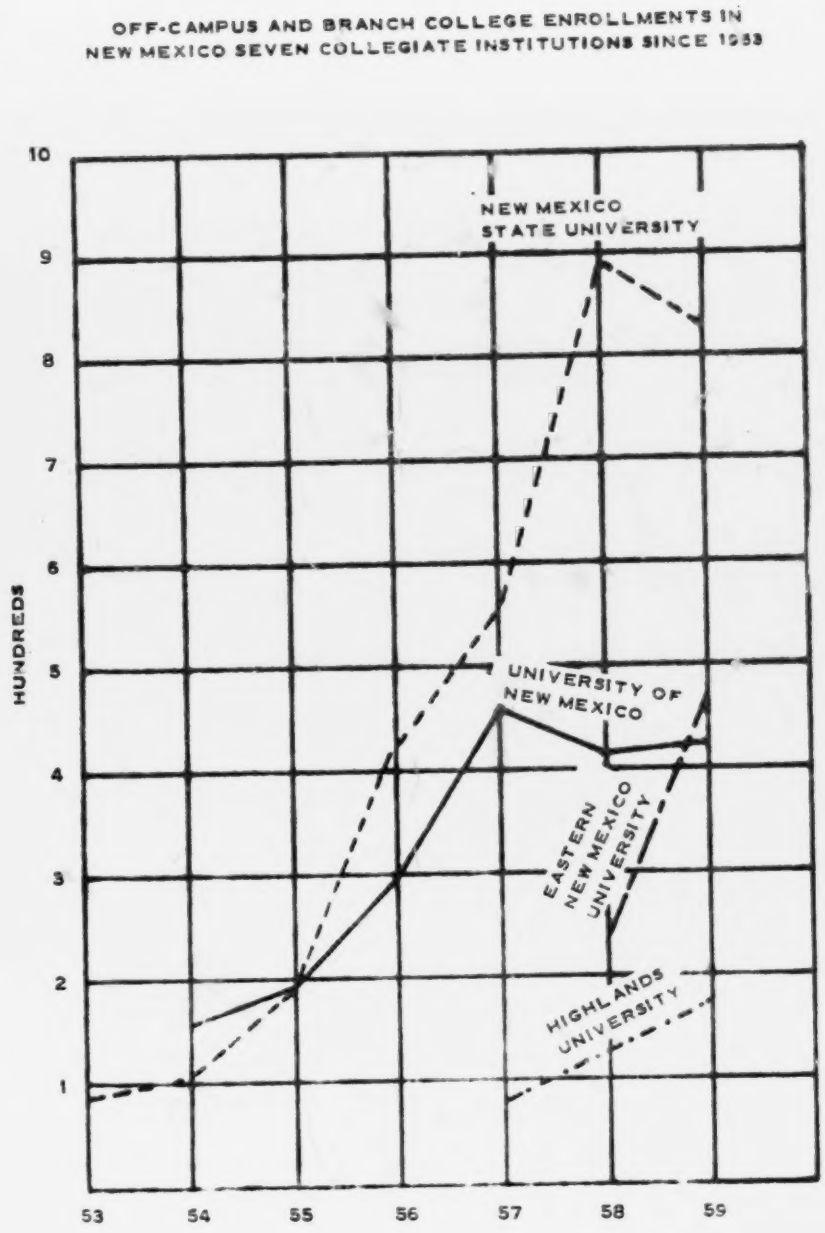
Fig. 302B



INSTITUTIONAL TRENDS

New Mexico Military Institute, New Mexico State University, and Eastern New Mexico University showed the greatest increases in Main Campus collegiate enrollments, respectively 15.2, 13.8 and 12.8 percent increases. New Mexico Highlands University had the largest percent of increase in Off-campus students (Extension enrollments counted as resident credit). Among those institutions with Branch Colleges, Eastern New Mexico University showed the largest increase, 32.0 percent.

The greatest shift between numbers of Men and Women attending a single institution occurred at New Mexico State University where the Residence Credit programs increased two-fold in number of women compared with the increase in number of men students and in the Branch College programs the shift toward women was evidenced by an increase of 25.2 percent compared to a decrease in men of 7.3 percent over 1958. In general, New Mexico reflects the national trends in the increased tendency for women to go to college. This shift toward an increase in women students is also reflected in the 1959 Fall-term enrollment data at New Mexico Western College which experienced a decrease in male enrollments of 1.2 percent while female enrollments increased by 8 percent over 1958.

New Mexico Western College and the New Mexico Military Institute report the largest increases in first-time students in Residence Credit collegiate programs, while New Mexico Highlands University and New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology both report rather sharp declines in these students.

Since 1953, Eastern New Mexico University has experienced the greatest increase in Main Campus enrollments, showing a total gain of 119.4 percent.

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Table 303. Comparison of Legislative Budget Estimates of Fall-term Enrollments Made By New Mexico State Collegiate Institutions, With Actual Fall-term Enrollments (Main Campus Enrollments Only).

		Univ. of N.M. *	N. M. State Univ.	High-lands Univ.	N.M. Western College	Eastern N. M. Univ.	N.M. Inst. of M. & T.	N. M. Military Institute	Tot
1953	Leg. Est.	4,070	1,606	638	525	800	160	-	7,7
	Actual	4,163	1,671	551	487	757	175	258	8,0
	% of Error	-2.28	-4.04	+13.64	+2.24	+5.38	-9.37	-	-
1954	Leg. Est.	4,245	1,730	750	540	880	202	-	8,3
	Actual	4,692	1,928	641	546	978	171	222	9,1
	% of Error	-10.53	-11.44	+14.54	-1.11	-11.13	+15.35	-	-
1955	Leg. Est.	4,900	2,400	700	584	900	185	225	9,8
	Actual	5,028	2,080	724	645	1160	239	150	10,0
	% of Error	-2.61	+13.34	-3.42	-10.44	-28.80	- 29.18	+33.34	+1.
1956	Leg. Est.	5,450	2,750	750	626	1100	202	225	11,1
	Actual	5,854	2,181	769	670	1211	259	155	11,0
	% of Error	-7.41	+20.70	-2.53	-7.02	-10.09	-28.21	+31.12	+ .
1957	Leg. Est.	6,700	2,420	825	710	1350	300	175	12,4
	Actual	6,577	2,293	768	756	1285	284	194	12,1
	% of Error	+1.84	+5.25	+6.91	-6.47	+4.82	+5.34	-10.85	+2.
1958	Leg. Est.	7,500	2,685	917	781	1500	325	200	13,3
	Actual	6,914	2,515	884	705	1473	312	243	13,0
	% of Error	+7.82	+6.34	+3.60	+9.74	+1.80	+4.00	-21.50	+6.
1959	Leg. Est.	7,750	2,721	1111	735	1654	340	275	14,3
	Actual	7,197	2,862	937	723	1661	320	280	13,3
	% of Error	+7.14	-5.18	+15.66	+1.64	-0.42	+5.89	-1.81	+4.
1953-1959 Period % of Error		+ .47	+4.80	+7.33	+ .68	-4.16	-2.68	+7.00	+2.

Legislative Budget Estimates are made by the institutions in the fall of each even year pr to the Legislative Sessions; the estimates for the odd years are made at least 11 months i advance of the opening of the fall term for which the actual enrollment counts are later r ported and the estimates for even years are made 23 months in advance of the fall term for which actual enrollments are later reported. This table shows the percentage of error in these enrollment estimates. If the estimate was lower than the actual enrollment, the per age is preceded by a minus sign (-); if the estimate was higher than the actual enrollment the percentage is preceded by a plus sign (+).

* Off-Campus for residence credit included in Main Campus enrollments in both Legislative estimates and actuals.

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Leg. Est.	4,070	1,606	638	525	800	160	-	7,799
Actual	4,163	1,671	551	487	757	175	258	8,062
% of Error	-2.28	-4.04	+13.64	+2.24	+5.38	-9.37	-	-
Leg. Est.	4,245	1,730	750	540	880	202	-	8,347
Actual	4,692	1,928	641	546	978	171	222	9,178
% of Error	-10.53	-11.44	+14.54	-1.11	-11.13	+15.35	-	-
Leg. Est.	4,900	2,400	700	584	900	185	225	9,894
Actual	5,028	2,080	724	645	1160	239	150	10,026
% of Error	-2.61	+13.34	-3.42	-10.44	-28.80	- 29.18	+33.34	+1.30
Leg. Est.	5,450	2,750	750	626	1100	202	225	11,103
Actual	5,854	2,181	769	670	1211	259	155	11,099
% of Error	-7.41	+20.70	-2.53	-7.02	-10.09	-28.21	+31.12	+ .04
Leg. Est.	6,700	2,420	825	710	1350	300	175	12,480
Actual	6,577	2,293	768	756	1285	284	194	12,157
% of Error	+1.84	+5.25	+6.91	-6.47	+4.82	+5.34	-10.85	+2.59
Leg. Est.	7,500	2,685	917	781	1500	325	200	13,908
Actual	6,914	2,515	884	705	1473	312	243	13,046
% of Error	+7.82	+6.34	+3.60	+9.74	+1.80	+4.00	-21.50	+6.20
Leg. Est.	7,750	2,721	1111	735	1654	340	275	14,586
Actual	7,197	2,862	937	723	1661	320	280	13,980
% of Error	+7.14	-5.18	+15.66	+1.64	-0.42	+5.89	-1.81	+4.16
-1959 Period f Error	+ .47	+4.80	+7.33	+ .68	-4.16	-2.68	+7.00	+2.69

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Off-Campus for residence credit included in Main Campus enrollments in both Legislative estimates and actuals.

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Table 304. Comparison of Operating Budget Estimates of Fall-term Enrollments Made By New Mexico State Collegiate Institutions, With Actual Fall-term Enrollments (Main Campus and Off-campus for Residence Credit Enrollments Only).

		Univ. of N. M.	N. M. State Univ.	High-lands Univ.	N.M. Western College	Eastern N. M. Univ.	N.M. Inst. of M. & T.	N. M. Military Institute	Total
1953	Op.Bud.Est.	4,070	1,606	638	525	800	160	275	8,074
	Actual	4,163	1,671	551	487	757	175	258	8,062
	% of Error	-2.23	-3.89	+15.79	+7.80	+5.68	-8.57	+6.59	+0.1
1954	Op.Bud.Est.	4,200	1,875	650	514	836	185	350	8,610
	Actual	4,692	1,928	641	546	978	171	222	9,178
	% of Error	-10.49	-2.75	+1.40	-5.86	-14.52	+8.19	+57.66	-6.19
1955	Op.Bud.Est.	5,000	2,200	700	592	1,000	195	175	9,862
	Actual	5,028	2,084	724	645	1,246	239	150	10,116
	% of Error	-0.56	+5.57	-3.31	-8.22	-19.74	-18.41	+16.67	-2.51
1956	Op.Bud.Est.	5,600	2,310	790	758	1,433	275	150	11,316
	Actual	5,854	2,305	769	670	1,308	256	155	11,317
	% of Error	-4.34	+0.22	+2.73	+13.13	+9.56	+7.42	-3.23	-0.01
1957	Op.Bud.Est.	6,700	2,420	825	700	1,500	300	190	13,10
	Actual	6,577	2,293	848	756	1,420	284	194	12,78
	% of Error	+0.78	+9.52	-2.71	-7.41	+5.63	+5.6	-2.06	+2.47
1958	Op.Bud.Est.	7,300	2,430	900	769	1,400	310	200	13,74
	Actual	6,914	2,843	1008	705	1,598	312	243	13,62
	% of Error	+5.58	-15.94	-10.72	+9.08	-12.39	-0.64	-17.70	-3.13
1959	Op.Bud.Est.	7,300	3,184	1205	715	1,954	330	219	14,90
	Actual	7,197	2,862	1112	723	1,661	320	280	13,98
	% of Error	+1.42	+10.01	+7.72	-1.11	+15.00	+3.12	-27.85	+6.22
1953-1959 Period % of Error		- .63	+ .25	+ .97	+0.90	- .50	-0.11	+3.66	+0.7

Operating Budget Estimates are made by the institutions in April of each year prior to the beginning of each fiscal year on July 1; thus these estimates are prepared approximately six months in advance of the opening of the fall term for which the enrollment count is later reported. This table shows the percentage of error in these enrollment estimates. If the estimate was lower than the actual enrollment, the percentage is preceded by a minus sign (-) if the estimate was higher than the actual enrollment, the percentage is preceded by a plus sign (+).

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Table 304. Comparison of Operating Budget Estimates of Fall-term Enrollments Made By New Mexico State Collegiate Institutions, With Actual Fall-term Enrollments (Main Campus and Off-campus for Residence Credit Enrollments Only).

		Univ. of N. M.	N. M. State Univ.	High-lands Univ.	N.M. Western College	Eastern N. M. Univ.	N.M. Inst. of M. & T.	N. M. Military Institute	Totals
	Op.Bud.Est.	4,070	1,606	638	525	800	160	275	8,074
53	Actual	4,163	1,671	551	487	757	175	258	8,062
	% of Error	-2.23	-3.89	+15.79	+7.80	+5.68	-8.57	+6.59	+0.1
	Op.Bud.Est.	4,200	1,875	650	514	836	185	350	8,610
54	Actual	4,692	1,928	641	546	978	171	222	9,178
	% of Error	-10.49	-2.75	+1.40	-5.86	-14.52	+8.19	+57.66	-6.19
	Op.Bud.Est.	5,000	2,200	700	592	1,000	195	175	9,862
55	Actual	5,028	2,084	724	645	1,246	239	150	10,116
	% of Error	-0.56	+5.57	-3.31	-8.22	-19.74	-18.41	+16.67	-2.51
	Op.Bud.Est.	5,600	2,310	790	758	1,433	275	150	11,316
56	Actual	5,854	2,305	769	670	1,308	256	155	11,317
	% of Error	-4.34	+0.22	+2.73	+13.13	+9.56	+7.42	-3.23	-0.01
	Op.Bud.Est.	6,700	2,420	825	700	1,500	300	190	13,103
57	Actual	6,577	2,293	848	756	1,420	284	194	12,787
	% of Error	+0.78	+9.52	-2.71	-7.41	+5.63	+5.6	-2.06	+2.47
	Op.Bud.Est.	7,300	2,430	900	769	1,400	310	200	13,742
58	Actual	6,914	2,843	1008	705	1,598	312	243	13,623
	% of Error	+5.58	-15.94	-10.72	+9.08	-12.39	-0.64	-17.70	-3.13
	Op.Bud.Est.	7,300	3,184	1205	715	1,954	330	219	14,907
59	Actual	7,197	2,862	1112	723	1,661	320	280	13,980
	% of Error	+1.42	+10.01	+7.72	-1.11	+15.00	+3.12	-27.85	+6.22
53-1959 Period of Error		- .63	+ .25	+ .97	+0.90	- .50	-0.11	+3.66	+0.70

Operating Budget Estimates are made by the institutions in April of each year prior to the beginning of each fiscal year on July 1; thus these estimates are prepared approximately six months in advance of the opening of the fall term for which the enrollment count is later reported. This table shows the percentage of error in these enrollment estimates. If the estimate was lower than the actual enrollment, the percentage is preceded by a minus sign (-); if the estimate was higher than the actual enrollment, the percentage is preceded by a plus sign (+).

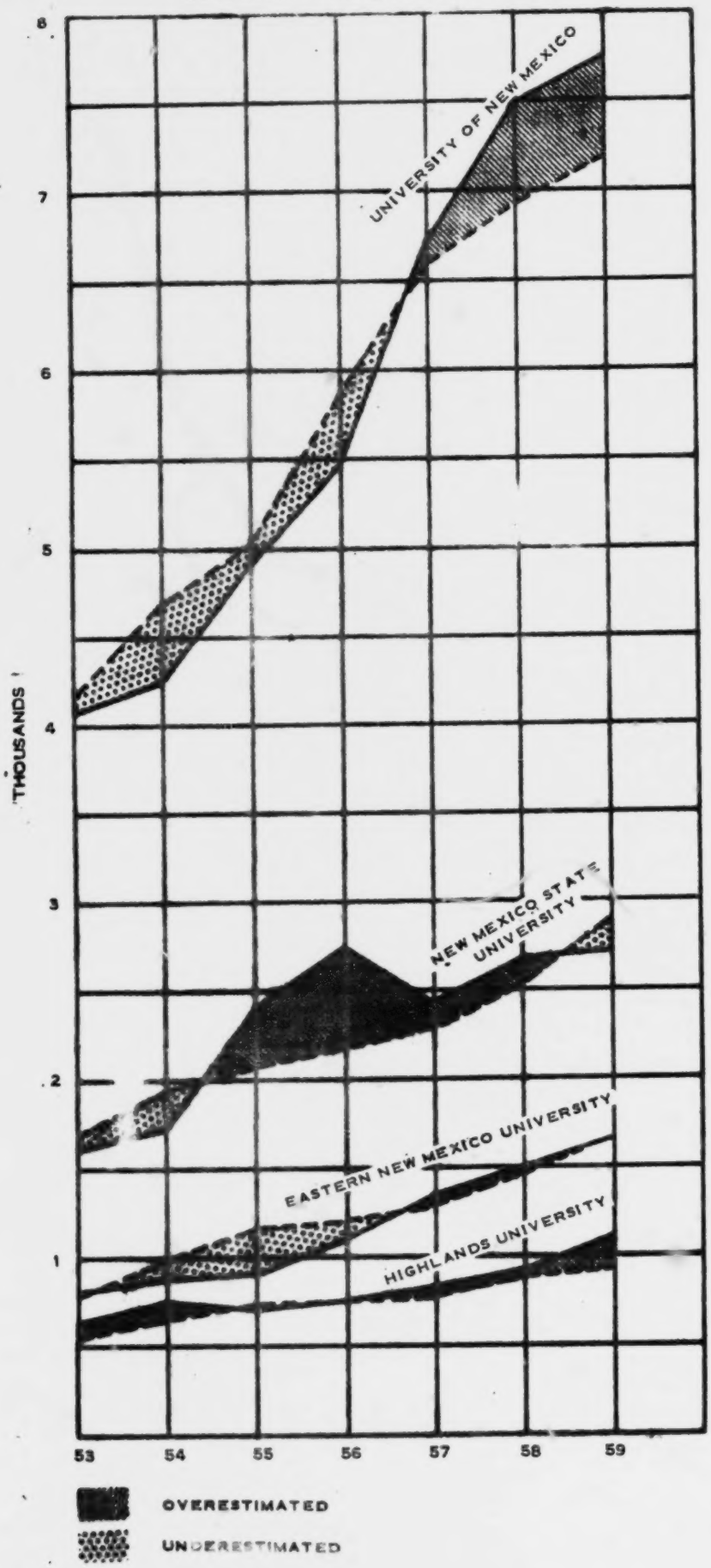
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET FORECASTS OF ENROLLMENTS

Using Main Campus enrollments, and noting the accuracy with which institutions have estimated future enrollments this far in their 1959–61 Legislative Budgets, Eastern New Mexico University has come closest to hitting their actual enrollments in these Legislative Budget estimates while New Mexico Western College and the New Mexico Military Institute are nearly tied for second place among the institutions for this distinction. New Mexico Highlands University and the University of New Mexico have over-estimated enrollments in their 1959 Legislative Budget enrollment estimates by the highest percentage.

In the period 1953–1959, New Mexico Highlands University and the New Mexico Military Institute show the highest percentage of over estimation of enrollments in Legislative Budgets. Eastern New Mexico University and New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology have tended more than others to under estimate enrollments in these estimates. Over this period, the University of New Mexico and New Mexico Western College have, in the aggregate, had a record of Legislative Budget enrollment estimates, with a yearly average of less than 1 percent of error.

Fig. 303A

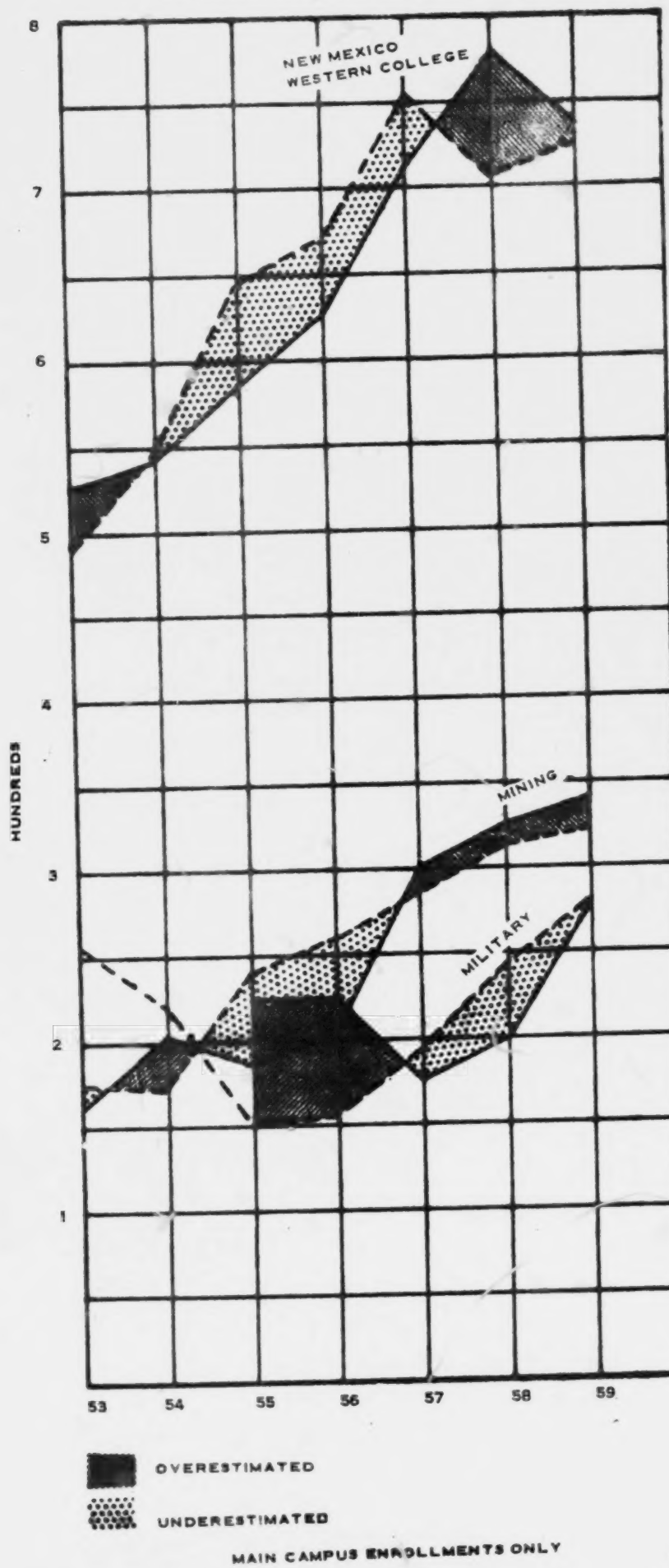
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FALL TERM ENROLLMENTS AND ACTUAL FALL TERM ENROLLMENTS IN FOUR NEW MEXICO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTIONS SINCE 1953



MAIN CAMPUS ENROLLMENTS ONLY

Fig. 303A continued

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FALL TERM ENROLLMENTS AND ACTUAL FALL TERM ENROLLMENTS IN THREE NEW MEXICO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTIONS, SINCE 1953



OPERATING BUDGET ESTIMATES

A comparison of Operating Budget estimates with actual enrollments reveal, in the main, greater accuracy than Legislative Budget enrollment estimates, especially in the seven year period since 1953. New Mexico State University, New Mexico Highlands University, Eastern New Mexico Highlands University, Eastern New Mexico University, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and New Mexico Military Institute show greater accuracy in making Operating Budget enrollment estimates than Legislative Budget enrollment estimates. In the most recent year, New Mexico Western College and the University of New Mexico have shown greater accuracy in their Operating Budget enrollment estimates than other institutions.

NEW MEXICO AND THE NATION

College and University enrollments in New Mexico State-supported institutions are increasing at a faster rate than those of the nation. Off-campus and Branch College enrollments show signs of increasing faster than Main Campus enrollments. There is a national tendency toward higher increase in the enrollments of women than men in collegiate programs; New Mexico reflects this trend in about the same proportion as that of the nation. New Mexico shows a slightly higher increase in first-time students in the Fall of 1959 than does the nation.